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TIME - GROUP
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PRECEDENCE

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PRIORITY

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COUNTRY
HUNGARYSUBJECT
BUDAPEST RESISTANCE

1. AT 0600 HOURS ON 29 OCTOBER, SHOOTING WAS STILL GOING ON IN PEST. REBELS IN THE MARIA TERESIA BARRACKS WERE BEING FIRED ON BY SOVIET TANKS DURING THE AFTERNOON OF 29 OCTOBER.

2. A LONG PARADE OF SOVIET TANKS WAS SEEN GOING THROUGH THE STREETS OF BUDAPEST ON 28 OCTOBER. ONE DAY EARLIER, THERE WAS A BATTLE OF ABOUT 150 ARMED YOUNG REBELS AGAINST SOVIET TANKS AT MOSCOVA SQUARE WHICH CAN BE CALLED THE "LAST OPEN RESISTANCE IN BUDA." THE TOTAL NUMBER OF TANKS PUT OUT OF ACTION SO FAR IS ESTIMATED AT "AT LEAST FIFTY."

3. ON THE BASIS OF MANY STREET TALKS WITH BUDAPEST CITIZENS, IT APPEARED THAT THE ACTUAL FIGHTING HAS BEEN DONE LARGELY BY YOUTH AND WORKERS, WITH MIDDLE-CLASS PEOPLE HARDLY INVOLVED. THE FEELING IN BUDAPEST WAS BITTER AND WAS UNCOMPROMISINGLY ANTI-NAGY AND ANTI-COMMUNIST. WITHDRAWAL OF THE SOVIETS AND FREE ELECTIONS WERE DEMANDED.

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